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TANK**

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement mailed on June 18, 2004 in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect the species identified by the Examiner as Species I (Fig. 15) without traverse. Applicants state that claims 5 and 17-19 read on the Species I.

The Examiner should note that Fig. 13 should not be included in the present Election of Species, as the species corresponding to this figure has been elected in the parent application (Ser. No. 09/987,147) U.S. Patent No. 6,679,282. Claims 14-16, readable on Fig. 13, were therefore canceled (and claim 5 was amended) in a preliminary amendment filed on November 17, 2003 in the present application.

Examination of the present application in view of the above election and remarks is respectfully requested.

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